

Members Attending: Mr. Burke, Ms. Curran, Mr. Denesha, Mr. Fay, Mr. Forsythe, ~~Mr. Gennett~~, Ms. Haggard, Mr. Hull, Mr. Lightfoot, **Mr. Perkins**, Mr. Reagen, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Smithers, Ms. Terminelli, and Mr. Webster

Mr. Perkins chaired the meeting in Mr. Gennett's absence.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mr. Perkins called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Smithers moved to amend the agenda to remove Items 8 and 9 from the agenda, seconded by Mr. Lightfoot, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Mr. Perkins announced that Legislator Gennett is excused from the meeting.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Burke moved to approve the minutes of July 29, 2024, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

3. COUNTY ATTORNEY – STEVE BUTTON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign all Documents Necessary to Convey Post-Judgment Tax Foreclosure Acquired Property Back to the Redeeming Tax Delinquent – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

B. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc. to Complete Hazardous Waste Removal on Property Owned by the Reddick Revocable Trust – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

4. REAL PROPERTY –BRUCE GREEN

A. Real Property Tax Law Correction of Taxes – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

B. Real Property Tax Law Correction/Cancellation of Void Taxes – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Forsythe, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

5. HIGHWAY – DON CHAMBERS

A. Modifying the 2024 Budget for the Department of Highways for Temporary Emergency Road Repairs – Mr. Smithers moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Ms. Curran and Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - RICK JOHNSON

A. Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with ComSource for Acquisition and Installation of Uninterruptable Power Supplies and Monitoring Software and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology – Ms. Curran moved to forward this resolution to Full Board, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

7. VACANCY REVIEW COMMITTEE – RUTH DOYLE

A. Highway – Mr. Chambers requested to fill a Motor Equipment Operator, Position No. 310000028, in the Highway Department.

B. County Attorney – Mr. Button requested to fill an Assistant County Attorney, Position No. 021900001, in the County Attorney's Office.

8. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE – This Item was removed from the agenda.

9. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT – This Item was removed from the agenda.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Cornell Cooperative Extension Board (Denesha) – No report.

B. Fish and Wildlife Management Board, Region 6 (Sheridan) – No report.

C. Fisheries Advisory Board (Terminelli) – No report.

D. Gouverneur Fair Board (Smithers) – No report.

E. Highway/Solid Waste Committee (Smithers) – No report.

F. Industrial Development Agency (Reagen) – No report.

G. Recreational and Trails Advisory Board (Perkins/Webster) – Mr. Perkins

H. St. Lawrence River Valley Redevelopment Agency (RVRDA) (Forsythe) – No report.

I. St. Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce (Webster) – Mr. Webster

J. Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (Burke/Haggard) – Mr. Burke

11. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Smithers said following the Public Health Director’s discussion last week regarding the EEE Virus, which is spread by mosquitos, he would like to suggest an old fashioned, natural way of ridding mosquito and asked the County to consider promoting building and placing bat boxes around the County to combat mosquitos.

Ms. Haggard said there is a group of local people in Potsdam lobbying the State to salvage sandstone from buildings slated for demolition at the State Psych Center in Ogdensburg. Potsdam has twenty-eight (28) buildings made of sandstone that are on the national historic registry and this salvaged stone could be used when repairs are needed. Assemblyman Scott Gray has voiced his support for this effort in Albany.

Mr. Smithers asked for an update from Ellen Hooker, Deputy Director of Solid Waste regarding public access to the Ogdensburg Transfer Station. Ms. Hooker said that on Friday morning the BuiltRight had a computer malfunction and this made it impossible to move trash. The Ogdensburg Transfer Station will be closed for repairs until further notice. According to BuiltRight, the control modular will be shipped on Wednesday. The Gouverneur and Massena Transfer Stations will be open for service to the public.

Mr. Perkins recognized Susan Wood, Town of Hopkinton Supervisor. Ms. Wood requested the Board of Legislators repair the bridge on County Route 49 in the Town of Hopkinton, that has been closed due to damages caused by Tropical Storm Debby.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Executive Session at 6:38 p.m., to discuss negotiations and appointments, seconded by Mr. Smithers, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A straw poll was taken during Executive Session.

Ms. Curran moved to go to Open Session at 6:57 p.m., seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

Ms. Curran made a motion to amend Item 6A, “A Resolution Authorizing the Chair to Sign a Contract with ComSource for Acquisition and Installation of Uninterruptable Power Supplies and Monitoring Software and Modifying the 2024 Budget for Information Technology” by changing the amount requested in the budget modification to \$200,000, seconded by Mr. Denesha, and carried by a voice vote with fourteen (14) yes votes, and one (1) absent (Gennett).

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Perkins moved to adjourn the Finance Committee Meeting at 7:03 p.m., as there was no further business.